



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 5636.0030

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Akira Ishibashi et al.

Serial No.: 09/210,539

Filed: December/14/1998

For: FORMED ARTICLE OF
BIODEGRADABLE RESIN

)
)
) Group Art Unit: 1713

)
) Examiner: K. Egwim

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, please amend the application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A formed article comprising a fastener component, said fastener component is made of a biodegradable resin material comprising:
- a continuous phase comprising
 - (a) at least one aliphatic polyester selected from the group consisting of polybutylene succinate and polyethylene adipate;
 - (b) an inorganic filler dispersed in said aliphatic polyester; and